

**MINUTES  
CITY OF HECTOR  
REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.  
MAY 8, 2017**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Steven Squibb, Ralph Bergsma, and Jeff Heerdt.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Doug Best and Penny Kandt.

STAFF PRESENT: Kathy Blackwell, Clifton Allen, and Jerome Schueller.

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Gaulke, Darlene Gaulke, Emily Randt, Marty Lawson, Marlys Hagstrom, Nancy Fosland, Lowell Grimm, Ruth Hamilton, Nic Heiderscheidt and Sam Heiderscheidt.

MOTION by Ralph Bergsma, seconded by Jeff Heerdt and carried to approve the agenda with the following additions: Steve Squibb drainage and water billing policy change. MOTION by Jeff Heerdt, seconded by Ralph Bergsma and carried to approve the consent agenda with one correction in the payables for the payment to Moore Engineering.

PROJECT UPDATE – Engineer Clifton Allen provided a project update and reviewed the construction schedule. June 6, 2017 is the substantial completion date for the city-wide project. All areas that need seeding or grading will be worked on at the same time. Curb stops and sewer clean outs will be lowered. The water tower, CSAH #34 and wastewater projects are complete with the exception of some punch list items. Marty Lawson inquired about drainage in the area by her property near the rail road. Allen agreed to look into it.

Quam – Pay Request #13 is pending in the amount of \$287,303.76.

MOTION by Ralph Bergsma, seconded by Jeff Heerdt and carried to approve payment of the Quam Pay Request, pending approval from RD.

DRAINAGE – The council was provided information on a drainage issue in the back yards at 200 and 220 Colfax Ave N. Engineer Allen explained that no drain inlet existed previously or was removed as part of the project. Home owners Glenn Gaulke and Emily Randt requested that the city resolve the drainage issue. There is a county storm tile in the area that was recently repaired. Steve Squibb stated that he is having a drainage issue on his property also due to a plugged drain tile. Squibb noted that he will abstain from any decision on the city paying for drainage improvements on private property, because if the council does approve some type of cost share he will request the same. Squibb requested and was granted permission to dig in city owned property to resolve the drainage issue.

UTILITY – Property owners Lowell Grimm and Nancy Fosland objected to the change made to the billing policy at the April meeting. MOTION by Jeff Heerdt, seconded by Ralph Bergsma and

carried to make the following change to the billing procedure that was approved at the April meeting: only one set of access fees will be billed to properties with multiple uses that share a restroom.

CREDIT CARD POLICY – MOTION by Ralph Bergsma, seconded by Jeff Heerdts and carried to approve the Credit Card Policy as suggested by Conway Deuth and Schmiessing.

AIRPORT – Councilor Bergsma stated that the FAA land use inspection is scheduled for May 10. Repairs will be made at the end of the runway. Bergsma stated that the committee is recommending that the city council accept the mowing bid from Sky Apply. Other bids were received from Ed Newberg, Ron Ebberts and Gary Bipes. Bipes withdrew his bid. MOTION by Ralph Bergsma, seconded by Jeff Heerdts and carried to accept the mowing bid from Sky Apply. MOTION by Ralph Bergsma, seconded by Jeff Heerdts and carried to approve the purchase of a weather station at a cost of \$550-\$600 and splitting the cost between the airport and water/sewer funds.

PUBLIC WORKS – The council had no questions on the reports from Mike Kenney and Jerome Schueller. A further discussion was held on the drainage issues on private property. Schueller requested that Hjerpe contracting provide an estimate to repair the area at Gaulke's and Randt's. The estimate is \$3,780. Jeff Heerdts suggested asking Moore Engineering to look into it further and table a decision. The council approved to have Country Wide Lumber replace steel doors at the well houses at a cost of \$2,373.

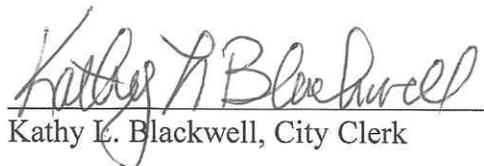
LIBRARY – Pioneerland Library System has hired Jake Fejedelem as the new Renville County Librarian.

MNDOT CROSSWALKS – The council agreed to further look into the MnDOT requirements for crosswalks. If official crosswalks are designated at Cedar and Birch, several parking spaces will be lost, as there is a 20' setback requirement for a crosswalk. Kenney and Blackwell will contact MnDOT for other options such as the in-street signs.

MOTION by Steve Squibb, seconded by Jeff Heerdts and carried to approve the request from the Hector Community Spirit group to hold a fundraiser during Corn Chaff Days.

WORK SESSION – The council/staff work session will be rescheduled. Mayor Squibb and Ralph Bergsma have conflicts on that week.

MOTION by Ralph Bergsma and seconded by Jeff Heerdts to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

  
Kathy L. Blackwell, City Clerk